

WHY CRUMBAUGH IS MAD.

Commissioner Evans Explains Why Some Kentucky Men Are Making War on Him.

A Collector on Trial for Misusing Pen-
alty Envelopes.

He Warns the Commissioner to Call Off His Dogs or
He Will Defeat His Confirmation.

The Dogs Were Not Called Off—Hence the
Howling.

A dispatch from Louisville, Ky., published in the New York Times yesterday morning, gives a statement of W. E. Hughes, of Bowling Green, Ky., a prominent republican editor, in which ugly charges are made against Col. Walter Evans, commissioner of internal revenue. Mr. Hughes says that Col. Evans managed to have his father in law, John Gowen, made postmaster at Hopkinsville, Ky., in place of Mrs. Burbridge, who had held the office some time. A dissipated brother of Mrs. Evans was made assistant postmaster. Last June a registered letter containing several hundred dollars was lost on the way from Cadiz, Ky., to Evansville, Ind. Revenue Inspector Porter became convinced that young Gowen had stolen the letter. Revenue Agent Clark managed to have the affair kept secret, out of friendship for Evans. Gowen was discharged and his father's bondsman made good the deficit. Maj. Crumbaugh, the collector, who was recently tried for using official envelopes for private letters, heard of the affair and wrote to Col. Evans about it. He did not make public what he knew, but frequently said he would do so. Col. Evans heard of this, and therefore encouraged the prosecution of Crumbaugh.

The above is the substance of the Times dispatch, and in reply to it Col. Evans yesterday made the following statement:

In the midst of the vast work of this office in the month of June there arose a nasty little war in the second Kentucky district, and charges were filed against Collector Crumbaugh. Being in my own state, I regretted to see it, but my official duty compelled me to have the charges made against the collector investigated. The revenue agents were all new to me, but I referred the charges to Agent Wagner, who had long been in the service and who was in charge of Kentucky when I was appointed, but with whom I had no acquaintance whatever. He was directed to investigate the matter fully, and to get at the exact facts in reference to them. This was a tedious process in view of the nature of the charges. In all that I did I acted under the advice of the secretary of the treasury, with whom I often consulted. My other duties absorbed much of my time, and I only thought of the Crumbaugh case when I was compelled to do so in its order. When the investigation was about complete, and when the agents had procured many private letters written by him and transmitted in official envelopes without the payment of postage, and when the charge was apparently about to be proved, the collector wrote a letter, dated Sept. 20, 1883, to Revenue Agent A. H. Clark (one of the best men I know and an excellent officer), as follows:

(Continued)

OWENSBORO, Ky., Sept. 26.—My dear Clark: This letter will be plain. I have just been informed that J. Z. Moore, of this city, is in Washington trying to get a reversal of this charge. You may as well let Evans know that if he puts me out or allows me to be put out I will defeat his confirmation. December next to you dead certainty, if I do it. If J. Z. Moore should be appointed, that alone, to say nothing about the H—matter, will be enough to defeat his confirmation. I am not a man to be trifled with, and I will do it that way, but have no favor to ask him. I don't really believe Moore is in Washington, and don't think Evans would let him, above all other men in Kentucky, to be appointed. I am not a man to be trifled with, and I will do more than to show Moore to be an apologist, having been his attorney, and knowing the inside of his transaction while he was registrar.

Find out if you can whether Moore is in or has been in. I have seen you anything while in W. to show that Evans intended to try to get me out, and that he was not a man to be trifled with. I will do it hard, but think he has got too much sense to try it. If he waits until after he is confirmed, as he is likely to do, before doing anything, then I will bring up the subject again, and have him do it for me. The best thing he can do is to let me alone. Write fully to me on all the points touched in this letter. Very truly, your friend, S. E. C.

Revenue Agent Clark was then on duty in North Carolina, and, feeling it to be his duty and believing it to be the desire of the writer, at once sent the letter to me, and I received it some time early in October. It was the first intimation I had that Collector Crumbaugh, though he could not be called a superior officer in the discharge of his duty, I at once informed the honorable secretary of the collector's threat, and sent Agent Clark to Kentucky to bring the investigation to a close in the promptest possible manner. He came, and I soon had in my possession, including those obtained by Agent Wagner, eleven of the official envelopes so used by that collector in writing letters about his being instructed for county conventions in Kentucky for the secretaryship of the navy in Washington and other private matters.

Meantime a bad tempered storekeeper, named Gowen, who knew nothing of the use of such envelopes except from rumors, had sworn out a warrant against Collector Crumbaugh, and the case was about to be tried in the federal court at Louisville.

On the fifteenth of October I made my report in the case to the secretary, in writing, summarizing the facts found upon the investigation.

On the telegraphic request of the National Rifles it was given out to the public until after the trial.

He was tried, and swore that in using all the very numerous official envelopes shown in the trial to have been used, he had no intent to evade payment of postage, and was acquitted.

Then it was he inspired the statements made in the special to the New York Times of to-day. As stated, I came here in May, and have never been at Hopkinsville, Ky., since, nor have I seen Mr. Gowen or any of his family.

I did hear that his son had been suspected of something wrong, growing out of intemperate habits, and I at once wrote Mr. Gowen (whom I believed to be as honest a man as lives), that it would be best to discharge his son from the postoffice, and to see that no wrong was done. It was an unpleasant duty to give to a father this advice about his only son, but I did it.

It was only after this that I heard a post-office inspector had been there and had seen some friends of Mr. Gowen (who has a number of them in the town he has so long lived in), and that the matter was fixed up in some way satisfactory to all, precisely how I never knew, and in the midst of my work here I forgot all about it until the receipt of the above threatening letter of the collector, which I properly regarded as an attempt at black mail. I may also say that the term of Mrs. Burbridge as postmistress had expired. It was, indeed, the close of her second term, and nobody was more zealous in urging Mr. Gowen's appointment than myself. Collector Crumbaugh, and it was the desire of the wealthy class of the town also. The President appointed him, and the only motive I had in getting the son out was to make sure that no discredit was brought upon the office nor upon the President's choice. I knew nothing of the guilt or innocence of the young man, I only knew that it was even suspected that his bad habits were leading him into wrong doing he must at once get out if I could so arrange.

Collector Crumbaugh, who resides in Hopkinsville, and who professes to be a friend of the family, heard something of the trouble, and imagining he could play upon a fear upon my son, his brother might be exposed, wrote his letter of the twenty-sixth of September, but has found the threat did not work to his satisfaction.

I can only say that the above contains the sum of my knowledge on the subject, and I had nothing to do with the matter further. I made no statement directly or indirectly

that any postoffice inspector would be protected in any report he might make, nor did I ever suppose such a thing was necessary or desirable.

Except the little grain of truth herein stated the dispatch, so far as I am concerned in statement and immundo, is false.

The collector's threat against the commissioner was given its full force, and, while it was known he might mortify some members of my family, when I hold dear, he could not touch my own personal or official integrity, and that such mortification, while it might be incidental to the holding of an office, could not induce me to fail in the discharge of my duty. In short, I have no right to interfere with the office, but certainly should I do so, the collector will certainly show he has endeavored faithfully, and with judicial impartiality, to discharge my whole duty in a matter involving a man for whose promotion I had worked most mistakenly, as it appears, but whose family, I knew and had highly respected.

This is all I expect to say upon the subject. J. Z. Moore, I should add, is a most worthy gentleman, and I know nothing discreditable in his conduct as register in bankruptcy.

ALL SAINTS' DAY.

Pere Hyacinthe Attends the Church of the Holy Cross and Assists in the Services.

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